

# TOWN OF BEDFORD

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



### Refuse & Recycling

<https://www.bedfordma.gov/recycling>

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BEDFORD, MA 01730

TEL: 781-275-7605

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## Spring Residential Recycling Events FAQs

May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Compost & Recycling Center, 108 Carlisle Rd

Bedford DPW offers free special collection events for Bedford Residents in both the Spring and the Fall to help residents to recycle or reuse difficult to manage materials. These events help to keep valuable materials out of the waste stream and lessen the environmental burden of producing virgin materials.

Resident access stickers or proof of residency is required. Stickers are available at the DPW, 314 Great Rd, during business hours. Please bring your vehicle registration when requesting a resident sticker.

In order to mitigate the potential for traffic back up onto Carlisle Rd and Winterberry Way, residents are asked to stagger their arrival by last name:

A-F 9-10AM,  
G-M 10-11AM,  
N-Z 11AM-Noon,  
All residents Noon-1PM.

## What we can accept – May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Electronics and Small Appliances

Provided by RMG Enterprises. R2 Certified. Items will be responsibly recycled.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Small household appliances (microwaves, toasters, blenders, vacuums)
- Air conditioners and dehumidifiers
- Computers, monitors, TVs
- Cell phones & other mobile devices
- Laptops, printers & other office equipment
- Cables, cords and chargers
- Stereos, radios, speakers
- Electronic toys & gaming systems

**NO** full-size large appliances (refrigerators, ranges, etc.)

## Household Goods

Collection to benefit Household Goods, Inc of Acton. Items should be in gently used condition or better. All items will be reused. **Household Goods will not accept items that are stained, torn, broken or unusable. Residents will be asked to bring these items back home with them.** There is no general-purpose dumpster for resident use on site.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Mattresses & box springs (no rips, stains or tears)
- Bed frames, tables & chairs, dressers (gently used condition)
- Couches (no rips, stains or odors)
- Microwaves, coffee makers, blenders, toasters (clean and in working condition)

- Pots & pans, dishes, silverware, glasses
- Blankets, comforters, sheet sets (like new condition, no rips, stains or odors)

## Propane Tanks & Fire Extinguishers

Recycling provided by NNM Recycling. **NO** oxygen or helium tanks.

N 'n M Recycling LLC  
accepts the following tanks



1 lb. tank



1 lb. tank



5 lb. tank



10 lb. tank



100 lb. tank



Fire Extinguishers



Fork lift tank left  
Washer fuel tank right



## **What we can accept – May 21st**

### **Bulky Rigid Plastics**

Provided by Dumpsters R Us. Items will be responsibly recycled.

**Items must be free of any dirt. All batteries must be removed.**

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Laundry baskets, plastic crates & totes
- 5-gallon plastic buckets (metal handles ok)
- Plastic trash buckets (metal bar and wheels ok)
- Car seats (remove fabric)
- Plastic baby gear
- Toys and playsets (batteries must be removed)
- Outdoor plastic furniture (no glass table tops)
- Plastic food storage containers (including black plastics)

**NO** Vinyl siding, garden hoses, or flexible plastics such as pool liners, tarps, etc.



**LAUNDRY BASKETS**



**SHELVING**



**CRATES**



**STORAGE TOTES**



**FOOD STORAGE**



**CAR SEATS - REMOVE  
FABRIC**



**BABY GEAR**



**STORAGE CABINETS**



**TOYS**



**PLAYSETS**



**TRASH CANS**



**WASTE CARTS  
W/METAL**



**BUCKETS W/ METAL  
HANDLES**



**SHEDS**



**OUTDOOR  
FURNITURE**



GRANITE PEAK  
PLASTICS

## Paper Shredding

Provided by Shred-it, a Stericycle company. NAID AAA Certified. Limit 5 boxes per vehicle. Residents may not be able to witness the on-site destruction of documents.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Paper in boxes or sturdy paper bags.
- Paper clips and staples are ok.

**NO** binders, hanging folders, plastic report covers, hard drives or foreign objects.

## Clothing & Books

Provided by CMRK/Big Brother, Big Sister, Inc. Items will be reused or responsibly recycled.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (Clean, dry & bagged)

- All clothing & textiles (in any condition, worn or torn is fine!)
- Wallets, purses, backpacks
- Shoes & Sandals (including singles)
- Towels, linens, bedding, curtains
- Jewelry and accessories
- Halloween costumes, sports jerseys
- Stuffed animals

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (In boxes)

- Books, Audio books, DVDs, record (NO VHS)
- Household décor items
- Small musical instruments (no pianos)
- Bicycles

**NO** Furniture or Mattresses/Box springs. All items must fit in a box or a bag, with the exception of bicycles.

# Free Home Pickup



You can schedule a free home pick up of clothing, textiles and small household items.

Call or text **PICKUP 508-466-4590**

Visit our website: **bbbsfoundation.org**



## BAGGED IN BINS

- All types, sizes and styles of clothing (women, men and children).
- Household textiles (e.g. blankets, towels, curtains)
- All shoes and sneakers
- Accessories (e.g. purses, backpacks, belts, jewelry, hats, gloves, socks and more)!



## BOXED

- Kitchen Accessories (e.g. pots, pans, dishes, and glasses).
- Small decor items (e.g. vases, glasses, cups, dishes, picture frames and paintings).
- Small musical instruments
- Books and DVDs
- Bicycles



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Will the site be open for yard waste, cardboard/glass, battery/bulb drop off?**

A: Yes. Residents will have access to the other drop-off areas of the Compost & Recycling Center during the special collection events.

**Q: Can I witness the shredding of my confidential documents?**

A: Shred-it is a NAID AAA certified information destruction service and on-site shredding will be provided at the special collection event. These events are often very busy and we need to keep traffic moving. Residents may not be allowed to remain on site during particularly busy times.

**Q: Can I bring other items not found on this list?**

A: No. There is no general-purpose dumpster on site for resident use. Any items that are not accepted by our recycling vendors will be returned to the resident for alternative disposal.

**Q: I have other things to get rid of. Where can I bring them?**

A: Visit the Reuse and Repair page on the DPW website <https://www.bedfordma.gov/refuse-and-recycling/pages/reuse-and-repair> or the MassDEP Beyond the Bin Directory <https://recyclesearch.com/profile/ma> for other options.

**Q: I have specific questions about if an item is accepted for recycling. Who can I ask?**

A: Call the DPW (781)275-7605 and leave a message for the Recycling Administrator.